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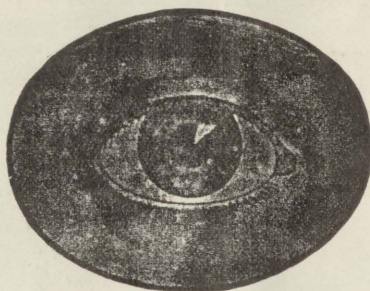
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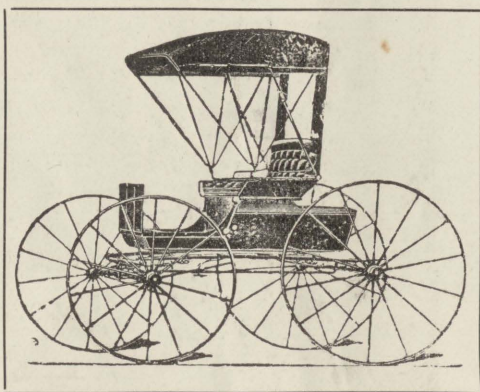
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Editorial.

There is a new force in Queensland and the world, a force which is to push its influence out in ever-widening circles and play a part in the development of humankind—the Queensland University. We are that University, bound together by ties of common loyalty, shared ideals, kindred aims. Our composite life has yet been inarticulate, but by the laws of growth it cannot so remain, and these pages mark its first attempt to find a voice and give utterance to its soul. Untuneful and uncertain it will, perhaps, be found in the efforts of infancy, but it holds at least potentialities of melody and virile power. These must plead for it and summon all to lay their hands to the work which at this moment is begun.

The primary and principal function of a University magazine is, we imagine, the building up of University life. Many are the ramifications of this process: they include the inauguration of movements for the common weal, the representation of common interests and the voicing of common requests. All these work towards development, and all are within the sphere of operation of the instrument now ready to our hand. Let an undergraduate find himself with information which will be of interest, possibly of service, to the general body—and these columns may be the channel of communication. Has he a question to ask? An appeal to make? A suggestion to offer? To give him opportunity the editor will find at once a duty and a privilege. A wide versatility and behind it all the backing of a sober strength—this must be our aim.

The magazine's second function is more objective in its tendency. Here it will play more the part of a newspaper, issuing a connected report of our life and movement for the benefit of outside circles—principally, of course, the sister universities of the English speaking world. We are the latest addition to the family group, and our growth will be under the eyes of our larger, wiser relatives, who in their time have taken these first unsteady steps and who now have come to their own. Our issues will go to them with consistent regularity and make them familiar with our triumphs and attainments, with the problems of our corporate life and the solutions we apply to them. More—there seems no good reason why our columns should not ultimately contribute, in some measure at least, to the thought of the world. We will keep the ideal before us.

In our midst are men with ideas. The miser is a pitiable wretch in any sphere, and we want those ideas, please. We want them for the magazine, for the University, for humanity, and one may give twice by giving quickly. We do not anticipate within these sacred walls the attitude which questions the importance of the pen. "Sunt quos curriculo pulverem Olympicum collegisse iuvat"—and all honour to them! We envy them the glory and the dust! But the atmosphere of the University is notably that which brings the "mens sana in corpore sano" to its highest pitch of development, and amongst the disciples of the physical we look for more than toleration. It is co-operation we ask and co-operation we are confident of receiving. This is not the time, nor this the place, to enter on a panegyric of the art of

letters; for we assume an acceptance, here, of the great standards of value.

The task of rendering articulate and coherent the congeries of tastes and temperaments collected under this roof has not been undertaken lightly to pass the time, or to gain an evanescent reputation for a select minority. It is a task worthy the best endeavours of the best among us, and, more than this, one which demands the combination of the whole of our resources: no one can be spared. Progress has no limit. The eminence of the average University paper once attained, do we rest? There are heights beyond and in ideal at least "*paulo maiora canamus*." Considered soberly, the scheme is brimful of the largest possibilities, and success or failure depends on nothing inherent in itself, but entirely on the attitude of undergraduates. To justify its being and fulfil the end it has in view, it must win a place in the regard of every student, and this result can be attained only by the aid of all. We are busy men: it is an axiom. Yet without infringement of the rights of studies there should be time for the columns of our magazine. A paper owned by no one person, by no one set of persons, it is to be an incorporated part of the life of this institution, as much the property of the man in the corner who has never heard of it as of the man who supplies half the matter for its columns. It is the University Voice: use it or lose it! Let it sound our aspirations and give expression to our best ideals; let it ring with the clash of the football field and be charged with the quiet thought of the lecture room; and presently shall sound in its accents, Something new, Something deepening and mellowing, Something which shall flow out to permeate and inspire every portion of our common life—the Spirit of the University! If we bring this much to pass our most painful efforts will not have been in vain.

Professor Gibson, it is announced, will be visiting England during the Vac. It is suggested that he should take his University family with him and lecture on the engineering of life in general, with an eye for appropriate illustrations by the wayside.

A good intention is too short a ladder.

The Making of a University

In the establishment of the University of Queensland there has been much effort and much delay. As far back as 1870 a University Act was passed at the instance of Mr. C. Lilley, afterwards Sir Charles Lilley, C.J., making provision for holding, within the Colony, certain examinations of British Universities. The opportunities thus offered to Queensland students proved too limited and little advantage was taken of the Act. In 1874 and 1891 Commissions appointed to inquire into the best means of providing further educational facilities to the youth of the Colony reported in favour of the immediate establishment of a University, but no further action was taken.

In 1893 a private meeting of persons interested in University extension work was convened by Messrs. J. L. Woolcock, B.A., and L. E. Groom, M.A., LL.M. From this meeting arose the Queensland University Extension which for sixteen years kept before the Queensland public, as far as its limited opportunities and resources allowed, the benefits of University teaching and the need for a Queensland University. It is interesting to recall the names of those present at the meeting. They were: J. L. Woolcock, B.A., who acted as Chairman, R. H. Roe, M.A., The Rev. M. J. Stone-Wigg, M.A., J. Lyons, M.D., S. W. Brooks, E. J. Sydes, M.A., LL.B., G. W. Power, M.A., LL.M., W. F. Wilson, M.A., G. Scott, M.A., L. E. Groom, M.A., LL.M., H. C. Wright, M.A., W. Waite, M.A., P. H. Jodrell, B.A., C. McLay, C. A. D. Melbourne, E. J. T. Barton, J. R. H. Lewis, D. R. McConnel, M.A. A public meeting was held at the Centennial Hall, at which there was a very large attendance. Speeches in favour of the movement were made by Sir S. W. Griffith, Sir Charles Lilley, Professor Scott, and others, and a resolution was unanimously adopted affirming the desirableness of initiating a University Extension movement in Queensland. A General Committee was appointed to draft a constitution and at its first meeting office bearers for the ensuing year

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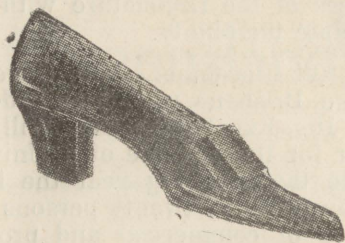
From the year of its establishment until the foundation of the University the Extension Council provided some University teaching and kept alive within the State the idea of a Queensland University. Very many lectures and courses of lectures were delivered under its auspices by teachers from Australian and other Universities, as well as by University graduates resident within the State, while some hundreds of students received aid and encouragement in their work. The Council's relations with more especially the Universities of Sydney and Melbourne were most friendly, and the recognition and support extended by the governing bodies of those institutions were most helpful. The science classes at the Brisbane Technical College and The College of Pharmacy were approved by the Council and the University of Sydney in 1897, and from that year the students of the Colleges were examined annually by University appointed examiners, and Extension certificates were issued by the University to candidates who were successful at the examinations. The connection between the Council and the Colleges endured almost to the foundation of the University.

In 1897 regular classes were formed, under the control of the Council, for students who desired to matriculate and gain University degrees without attendance at University lectures. It was not, however, until 1901 that the Council, aided by the persistent energy of Mr. F. T. Grove, B.A., LL.B., who acted as Secretary to the classes and later to the Council, were able to induce the University of Melbourne to allow the students to be examined in Brisbane for its degree examinations in the Faculty of Arts. The classes continued in existence until the beginning of 1911 and not only enabled many students to enter and obtain degrees from other Universities, but also

assisted a number of our present undergraduates to qualify for matriculation at the newly-formed University.

The need of a University in Queensland was constantly emphasised by the difficulties which the Council encountered when endeavouring to meet the requirements of local students, and many attempts were made to obtain legislation incorporating a University. In 1898 a Bill for a University was drafted under the supervision of the Premier, the Hon. T. J. Byrnes, but on Mr. Byrnes' death, which occurred in the same year, it was omitted from the list of Bills submitted to Parliament. In the two following years Bills were actually introduced, but no legislation was effected and it was not until 1906 that a further determined effort to secure a University was made by the Council. In that year it was thought that the financial difficulties in which bad seasons had involved the administration of the State had been overcome, and that the time was opportune for reviving the agitation for a University. After many obstacles had been surmounted, and as a result of frequent deputations and conferences with Ministers of the Crown and representatives of the Brisbane City Council, the Government House Reserve and a portion of Victoria Park, Brisbane, were promised as a University site. The Council now decided to summon a University Congress as a means to direct public attention to the pressing need of a University within the State and to re-awaken public interest in the movement.

The Congress, which included representatives of almost every public body in Queensland of any importance—local authorities, Government departments, national associations, teaching institutions, commercial, industrial, scientific, and friendly societies and trade unions—met in Brisbane in November, 1906. An inaugural address was delivered by the State Governor, Lord Chelmsford, who also read a set of verses written for the occasion by the late George Essex Evans. Four sub-committees were appointed, viz., Curriculum, Buildings and Site, Legislative and Finance. The proceedings of the Congress extended over four days, many instructive papers were read and a Draft Bill was prepared



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by a General Committee which was composed of the four sub-committees. After considerable discussion the Bill was adopted by the Congress and received the unanimous approval of a public meeting of citizens which was held at the Exhibition Hall and presided over by Sir Pope Cooper, K.C.M.G., the President of the Congress. The Bill contained several new features and was very little different from the Act under which the University was ultimately established. A Report of the proceedings of the Congress was forwarded to the Premier, the Hon. W. Kidston, and he was pressed to introduce the necessary legislation forthwith.

The Legislative Assembly in the same year adopted a resolution, on the motion of the Hon. James Tolmie, in favour of the immediate establishment of a University. Political changes and the absence of Mr. Kidston from the State delayed further progress in Parliament, but the General Committee of the Congress, which had been resolved into the Queensland University Movement, continued its efforts to impress upon the minds of the public the importance of the Movement's aims. A Fund was originated to provide for part of the initial equipment of the University and about £3,700 was subscribed. Addresses were delivered at intervals by His Excellency Lord Chelmsford, Professor Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University, Professor Henry Jones of the University of Glasgow, Mr. R. H. Roe, and other prominent educationists. Meetings of commercial men were held in Brisbane, steps were taken to form a Parliamentary Committee, resolutions were adopted in many of the Chambers of Commerce and representative societies throughout the State, petitions were freely signed in the more important cities and towns, and it was manifest that the foundation of a well-equipped University with a generous endowment would meet with general approval. The announcement by Mr. Kidston that the Cabinet had decided to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Queensland's erection into a separate colony by the foundation of the University of Queensland was heartily acclaimed, and the University of Queensland Act of 1909 was passed through

both Houses of the Legislature with almost absolute unanimity.

On the 10th December, 1909, Government House, Brisbane, was formally dedicated by His Excellency Sir William MacGregor for the purpose of a University and in the following year the first Senate, consisting of twenty persons representative of commercial and professional life, was appointed by the Governor-in-Council. To this Senate was entrusted the duty of appointing a Staff of Professors and other teachers of the University and of arranging for its management and control. Four professors and nine lecturers have been appointed and the University is now offering instruction in the three Faculties of Arts, Science and Engineering. The requirements for matriculation and the degree and honour courses are being finally decided and work has been commenced which, it is confidently hoped, will bring credit to the University and its teachers and students, to those who worked so long for its establishment and to the State of Queensland.

J. J. WALSH

Manhood begins when we have in any way made truce with necessity ; begins even when we have surrendered to necessity, as the most part only do ; but begins joyfully and hopefully, only when we have reconciled ourselves to necessity ; and thus in reality triumphed over it, and felt that in necessity we are free.

—Carlyle.

Mr. T. E. Jones, who is particularly well-known to a section of our readers, is now, in his new capacity of head of the University Correspondence School, touring the United States with pencil and note-book. We must have some "impressions" when he returns.

When you can't get what you like, it's "up to you" to like what you've got.

In nature there are no rewards or punishments : there are consequences.

Queensland University Congress,

1906.

INAUGURAL LINES.

TO found thy House, O Knowledge, was our scheme,

And lo! Men smiled and said, "An empty dream!"
But dreams have potency; they are living things—
The fire of God is in their shining wings.
It was a dream that lit Mazzini's face,
And Galileo's gazing into space;
It was a dream that fired wild Rousseau's heart,
And stirred the restless brain of Bonaparte!
A dream that glowed in Bismark's iron soul
And welded weakness in one mighty whole:
The deeds that built great nations, and the schemes
That changed the fate of kingdoms, all were dreams

Us, too, a vision quickens with its fires
Far from that "city with the dreaming spires."
Therefore to-day with eager hearts we meet,
Our vague foreboding merge in shape complete.
Hope nerves our building hands which seek to lay
The keystone of a temple here to-day.
Our foolish fears, our idle doubts are naught—
Behind them glows the germ of living thought:
The sun is there although the mists may fold
Their cold grey armour o'er his heart of gold,
And as his radiance sweeps the clouds away
The eyes of all men see that it is day.

O sunlit land, careless of Nature's dower,
And living solely for the passing hour,
In vain for thee we plan a mighty part
If no hand plucks this canker from thy heart!
Youth's hours are gone, and dawning manhood's day

Calls thee to cast thy childish thoughts away.
No longer can'st thou idly dream to be
A lonely island in a lonely sea:
The Nations gather, trained and skilled and strong—
Thou must be proved and tried amid the throng.

Fair Land, for thee our willing hands would raise
A power to aid thee through the coming days,
A fount of light from which wide rays may spread,
A tower of thought far-lifted overhead,
A fire to quicken and a spur to urge,
A strength to stand amid life's roughest surge,
A stronghold of the mind serene and high,
Whose grey spires, rising in a cloudless sky,
Send forth her children moulded by her hand—
An influence that shall leaven all our land.

What makes a nation? Not its millions vast,
But the stern mould in which its sons are cast;
Not idle boastings of a strength untried;
Not license crowned and liberty denied;
But reverence, knowledge, minds that will not
swerve,
The brains to rule, but first the hearts to serve;
A People courteous, disciplined, discreet,
Temperate in victory, patient in defeat,
Fused by one faith, fired with one hope, one aim—
Their country's honour and their country's fame!

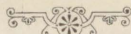
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The inaugural ceremony of the Queensland University took place on June 1st, 1911. For some three months before this the infant institution had been enjoying full vigour of life but had not as yet been received into the family of universities. This is what happened on the eventful day.

For the undergraduates the day began somewhat earlier than for the less lucky folk who took a more serious view of the event. From all over Brisbane students flocked towards the Varsity, there to don their cap and gown and drive in state through the town in drags, wearing their colours, singing, talking and laughing. Those untamed spirits a little too much inclined towards rowdyism were speedily silenced or at least brought to order by the threats of certain of the "gentler sex" to resort to such weapons as hat pins. It is however a matter for doubt whether these would have been used, even in the most extreme cases.

On arriving at the Exhibition Building the undergraduates, after some delay and "anxious" adjustment of the tassels of their trenchers, proceeded under the leadership of the Beadle towards the entrance, tamely submitting on the way to the trying ordeal of having their photographs taken. The "common herd," consisting of the ordinary mortals who had not been sufficiently lucky or clever to obtain scholarships, walked in a subdued and awe-stricken manner before the twenty "elect" or immortals who had won scholarships. These scholars were distinguished from the rest by having the left sleeve of their gowns looped up. They walked in order of brains, those possessing most being found at the rear. The procession, doubtless, would have looked much more imposing had they walked according to height of their brains from the ground. However, this suggestion comes rather late.

After the undergraduates came graduates of other universities, members of the staff and senate, the Registrar, the Vice-Chancellor and, lastly, the Chancellor—Sir William MacGregor, whose duty it was to "open" the University. This was done with a great deal of speech-making, then honours and degrees were conferred, chiefly on graduates from other Universities. The undergraduates relieved their pent-up feelings by loudly cheering their favourite professors and lecturers as they came to the front. Especially appropriate was the whistling of the Funeral March as the medical people received their degrees. Then followed numerous lengthy speeches by such representative people as the Mayor of Brisbane and delegates from other Universities. These were doubtless very learned and in the highest degree edifying to those who heard them, but the undergraduates were unfortunately not among that number. They sought to relieve the monotony a little by cheering vociferously every time they caught the sound of the word "Undergraduates," and, during the presentations, by counting the number of times the Registrar was obliged to take off his cap—the record being forty-five and a half times in twenty minutes.

After all was over the undergraduates sang together the "Gaudeamus" and a few verses of their own University song. The attempt was, however, rather feeble, probably owing to the fact that they had been obliged to sit in comparative silence for so long. Then there was a rush for the door, the undergraduates departing in haste to make ready for what was to them the most interesting, if not the most important, function of the day—the Undergraduates' First Ball.

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With Nature man must ever join in strife,
By violence his daily bread to seize :
Jove bade the fields by skilful art be moved,
And toil and sweat of man and beast approved.

For so Care, grinding slow, wrought wits of man
To keenness, strong to do and swift to see.
In former time was no dividing plan,
In former time the plains were wild and free:
Careless, men gathered for the common hoard,
And Earth, unbidden, strowed her gifts abroad.

Vile snakes received their venom from Jove's hand :
His voice capled ravening creatures from
their lair;

Now, Ocean, lashed to tempest, shook the strand :
Now where brown honey hung the leaves were
bare,

He bore away the firelight's cheery glow,
Nor suffered now sweet streams of wine to flow.

"This race of men, with sweat and pain," he said,
"Must match itself against the stubborn field,
And, lacking fortune, put on skill instead—
Only to strength and skill shall Nature yield.
To win Earth's fruits, your plough must never tire—
From veins of flinty rock beat out your fire !"

Now rivers, tamed, the hollowed trunks endure—
Their crews have named and numbered star
by star—

Traps set with craft the simple beasts allure.
The music of the hounds is heard afar.

Whips one the streamlet with what skill he may,
One drags a dripping net across the bay.

Came then the blade of harsh, unbending steel,
Then saws bit through the wood with shrilling
song,

And every forest rang with peal on peal
As smitten wedges cleft the timber strong.

So came the varied arts, and so men rend

Her jealous hoard from Nature, foe and friend.
—A.S.F.

At the Grave of a Tutor.

When peers the Sun above the eastern rim
Darkness doth creep away with drooping head,
And frank, young Light o'er-stride the place instead,
Whose eager glances leave no corner dim;
So when my young life first was lit by him
Whom now, in idle phrasing men call "dead"
Straightway my dark disorder trembling fled,
For beaming knowledge routed ignorance grim.
But now this life in life by him begot
Is orphan'd at one stroke of sire and friend.
Ah! Wheresoe'er be cast my future lot,
Whatever starry lights with mine shall blend,
My Sun hath dipt. This is that sacred spot.
Now only twilight fading to the end.

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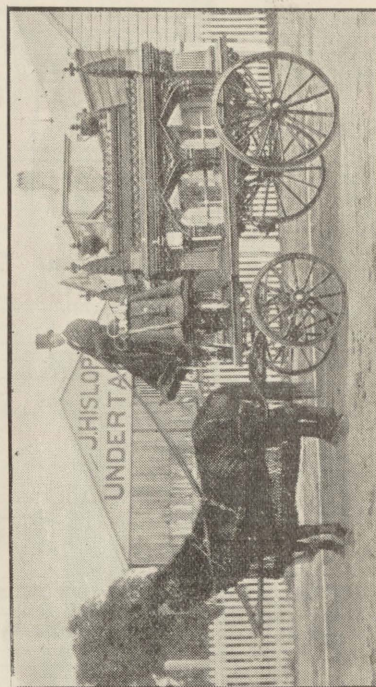
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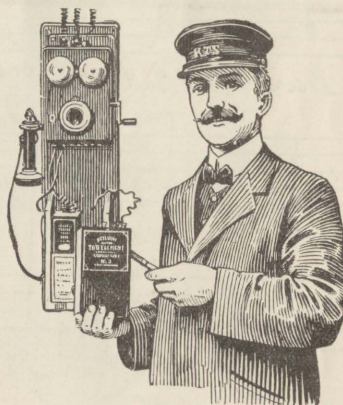
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Solo Quasi recit.

The Gov'ment woke one day, And plucked the gold-dust down; They caught up his bones and they founded U.S., And

Tempo ff di Marcia
Chorus

got an immortal crown! Queensland U - ni - versity, Pass the Torch E'ternal!

Burst the Bars! Sem - per flourish at the 'Varsity! Thus men climb the

* Repeat last Chorus Solo End of last Chorus

stars! Thus men climb the stars!

* rall. e dim.

* In repeating the last Chorus this Bar must be played in time and *ff*.

The Queensland 'Varsity Students' Song

Words by "REMANET"

Music by E. W. H. FOWLES

(See Page opposite)

Harmonies revised by GEO. SAMPSON, F.R.C.O.,
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VERSE I.—(Solo).

The Government woke one day!
And planked the gold-dust down;
They caught up the 'bus, and they founded, US,
And got an immortal crown!

CHORUS.

Queensland University!
Pass the Torch Eternal₂; Burst the Bars.₃
Semper floreat The 'Varsity!
Thus Men Climb the Stars₄!

God bless the Senators all!
They're doing their best—don't shoot 'em!
May the Government grant 'em a Government grant
To solace their *senectutem*.—*Chorus.*₁

A Chemistry Prof. there is,
Who "ions₅" us out a good deal;
Though dark was our mind it got light as the wind
When weighed in a balance of Steele!—*Chorus.*

A health to the valiant twain,
Who came from over the water!
'Twixt fizzes for classics, and classes for physics
We're feeling quite well—and we oughter!
Chorus.

Long life to the Engineer!
He's learned beyond degree!
And problems of bridges and stresses and ridges
Are simple as a B. C. E.!—*Chorus.*

Guid luck tae Wullie! the first
Of the noble *honoris* band!
The LL.D. shows (as everyone knows)
He Doctors the Laws of the Land!—*Chorus.*

A toast to ourselves—why not?
So here's to our heart's endeavour!
And a cheer for the fair, the sweet debonair,
The undergradesses for ever!—*Chorus.*

ENCORE VERSE (May be sung without fee or permission)

There's a verse we forgot to leave out!
It starts, "Come and have a cham"—pooh!
But what the Dickens the verse is about
Is for you to discover! Adieu!—*Chorus.*

NOTES (explanatory or otherwise):—1. December 11th, 1909: 2. *Vite lampada tradunt*; 3. Not "sixpenny," or "musical," but *Vincular tenebrarum et sercitus*; 4. *Sic itur ad astra*; 5. Not flat. Verses 2 and 7—*Omnes*. Other Verses—Solo *ad lib*.

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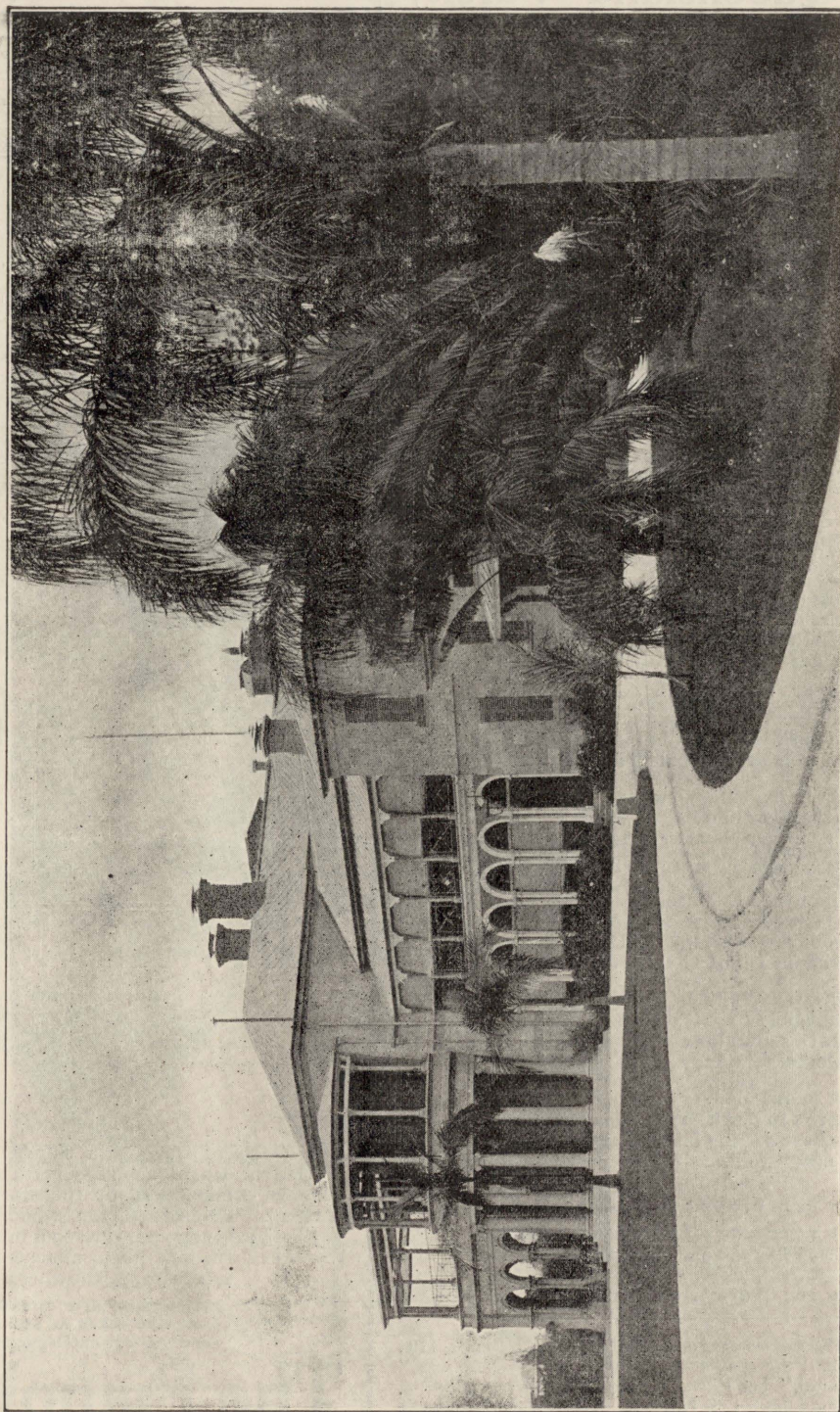


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Professor Steele entered the Melbourne University in 1896 and graduated B.Sc., with first class honours in the School of Chemistry, in 1899. During his University career he gained Exhibitions in Chemistry, Natural Philosophy and Biology, also the Wyselaskie and University Scholarships in Chemistry. During 1897-1898 he was Tutorial Lecturer in the Melbourne residential colleges and in 1899 Acting-Professor of Chemistry in the University of Adelaide. In 1899 he was awarded a Research Scholarship and proceeded to London, where he spent the session 1899-1900. In the following session he was engaged in Physico-Chemical research at Breslau, and, as a result, was in 1902 awarded by the Melbourne University the degree of Doctor of Science. Thereafter he held in succession the positions of Senior Demonstrator of Chemistry at M'Gill University, Montreal, Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the Heriot-Watt College, Edinburgh, and Lecturer and Demonstrator of Chemistry in the Melbourne University, where for some time he also occupied the post of Acting Professor.

Professor Michie began his educational career at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, where he was Gold Medallist of the classical side in 1900. He was awarded the first bursary of that year for the Aberdeen University, where he studied from 1900 to 1904. In 1904 he graduated Master of Arts with first class honours in Classics: he had also gained distinction in English Literature, Mathematics and Moral Philosophy. In the same year he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, as an Exhibitioner and was placed in the first class in both parts of the Classical Tripos. He gained the Ferguson Scholarship in Classics, which is open for competition to graduates of the four Scottish Universities. He graduated B.A. of Cambridge in June, 1907, and proceeded to the M.A. degree in January 1911. Between leaving Cambridge and taking up his Queensland appointment he held the position of Assistant to Sir W. M. Ramsay, Professor of Humanity, Aberdeen University, along

with the Lectureship in Roman History. Professor Michie was awarded an Athletic Full Blue at Cambridge.

Professor Priestley was educated at Jesus College, Cambridge. In the Mathematical Tripos of 1905 he was Fifth Wrangler, and in 1906 was placed in the second division of the first class in the Mathematical Tripos Part II., the examination subjects being: Theory of Electricity and Magnetism, including Electro-Magnetic Waves and Electron Theory, Theory of Sound and Hydrodynamics. He remained at Cambridge during the session 1906-7 working at Experimental Physics and during that time wrote a paper on the Diffraction of Electro-Magnetic Waves which received the commendation of the Smith's Prize Examiners. He was in 1907 appointed Junior Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics in the Victoria University of Manchester and afterwards Senior Assistant Lecturer. He proceeded to his M.A. degree in June, 1909.

Professor Gibson was educated at Dulwich College, England, beginning his professional training on the Engineering side of that College. He served his apprenticeship with the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company of Blackwall, London, where he obtained experience in the various Engineering shops.

During the last four years of his connection with the Thames Ironworks Company, he was in the Engineering Drawing Office at a time when a great deal of construction was being done for the British Admiralty. In August 1899, he entered the service of Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co., Shipbuilders and Engineers of Shanghai, China. Towards the end of 1900 he came to Australia and for a short time worked in the shops of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, Sydney, leaving them to enter the Public Works Department of New South Wales. While in this department he was connected with the Tramway Construction Branch, the Railway Construction Branch, and the Roads and Bridges Branch. In 1903 he joined the staff of the P. N. Russell School of Engineering, in the University of Sydney, New

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South Wales, as Lecturer and Demonstrator in Engineering Drawing, and Design, which position he held until his appointment to the Chair of Engineering in the University of Queensland.

Professor Gibson was elected a student of the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1897, and in 1899 he qualified, by examination, for associate membership. He was elected an associate member of the Institution in 1902.

Professor Gibson has also been connected for some years with the Military Forces of the Commonwealth, serving with No. 1 Field Coy., of the Australian Engineers, and latterly with the Australian Intelligence Corps.

Tweed Heads Reminiscences

Since the second Vac, there have been at the Varsity symptoms of a new disease much in evidence amongst undergrads, and even more so among undergradesses. Budding medicos are thinking of labelling it "Geologitis" and seem seriously to consider joining the ranks of enthusiasts in order to study the disease in its more acute form. All the trouble is due to a four days' excursion to Tweed Heads of which many tales of nightly joys have drifted back home. But undergradesses, — Beware! The half was not told — desperate scrambles over huge basalt boulders and columns behind an energetic lecturer — gnawing hunger — before the lunch halt, and — worse afterwards.

As a start we were told to be at the station at an outrageously early hour — an order which some of us succeeded in obeying. Mac decided to come later, we believe. At Booningba we derailed, and accompanied by light showers made for Burleigh Heads. On a certain basalt topped hill a biologist (or was he an engineer?) caught a petrified looking lizard, which he carried for some time and then decided was not "toney" enough, so the lizard escaped, leaving its name, however, with the point.

At Hungry Point another enthusiast propounded a riddle which Mr. R. — guessed first.

Riddle: Mr. R. —, why did you call that rock sandstone just now?

Answer: Because it is sandstone.

The most notable find of the day was at the "Oyster Bed" at Booningba, where "apatite" was much in evidence. This varies much in colour, streak and texture and is easily decomposed by "infiltration." It is generally "in situ." Anyhow it is said that the permanent boarder now abhors "Geologists" at the Oyster Bed.

In the train there were fine examples of "overthrust," and the "downthrow" in places extended several feet, so Ron says. At Greenmount we were welcomed with open arms, and the allotting of rooms caused vast excitement and much hurrying and scurrying of maids. One room — No. 18 — received four burly inhabitants who quickly obtained a rather unenviable notoriety for snoring. However, more later of "18's." Days of energetic climbing of Fingal, Razorback, Pt. Danger, One Tree Hill, and other places were followed by nights of equally strenuous recreation. Our violinist did yeoman service, so much so that our punster (in his second last pun) said "He was only once at 'fault plane' the Dead March"!!!

An interesting geological feature, and one of extremely rare occurrence, was amongst our trophies. This consisted of a number of fossilized chestnuts, "Talus Bennetti." Mr. R. — was not sure of their age but said probably they were of "Arkose" composition. They were occasionally "metamorphosed" by "outliers" of plutonic origin. Mac was the originator of excellent "slickensides" near Greenmount, but it is said that in future he has decided to wear leather when he experiments. A night's skating during our last evening produced much hilarity. The "Ipswich beds" generally showed "conformity" to the "underlying floor plane" and it is reported that a new style of skating has been patented — to be known as the "Bryan-Miller System"

in which the skates are fastened to a portion of the body some distance above the feet. It was generally agreed also that another "Ipswich layer" of the "Longi spinus" variety needed more than one pair of skates. Much "grit" was in evidence in places. Later that night some wag worked the pump on the top balcony and the water flowed into a worthy lady's room. She objected and said, "She did not mind a joke but that was going too far." We concluded it had gone down her back. "No. 18's" with their well-known love of cleanliness endeavoured to give a demonstration of a Lewisonian bath—but it was not a success. They then re-directed their energies "Geologywise" and looked for "scraps" (allegedly) on the beach. Scrappy specimens, however, are not considered good in geology.

The irrepressible suggested that they should "tachalyte" and then perhaps they would "strike" something. * * * At the inquest it was unanimously agreed "That all punning is evil—that it be allowed only inasmuch as it promises to exclude some greater evil—that the only greater evil is dulness." (Logicians please note). Found guilty of this "abnormal fault" he was sentenced to ten minutes on "Hades" so that by "heat metamorphism" the "contortions" of his mind might be changed into something "gneiss."

One quartette in the visitors' book had the following "In Memoriam Notice, Venimus. Vidimus. Vicimus—we also skited." For the last two days a weird minor melody set to the words "Has anyone here seen Kelly" was in everyone's mind. Everyone voted the ladies of the party real sports—surely high praise from undergrads. After our last meal our musical conductor "on behalf of himself and his colleagues" made touching reference to the briefness of our stay and the earnestness of our search after knowledge.

There were many eyes bedimmed, and there was much huskiness of voice as our train drew out; and we thus concluded our first camp amongst general wishes for another.

C.C.W.

"Graduation and After."



IT is probable that every student when he enters on his University Course does so with some more or less secretly cherished idea as to the goal which he hopes ultimately to reach. To some the goal is wealth, to others a congenial occupation, to all a competency at least. No doubt his choice of a Faculty has been made after very careful consideration, either by himself or by his parents or guardians. For the great majority of students the immediate object of ambition is the obtaining of a degree. To all such I would like once more to say that the undergraduate when he becomes a graduate has not finished his career—on the contrary he has but just commenced it, hence the custom in some Universities of calling the graduation ceremony the "commencement." For the graduate in Law, in Medicine, in Engineering, and in all the Professional Faculties, the hard and frequently bitter school of experience is about to open, and his success or failure in this life-long school is largely in his own hands. This success or failure is unfortunately too frequently judged by pecuniary results alone, and the character and influence of the man on those he comes in contact with is entirely neglected.

To the graduate in Arts and Science there is opened after graduation a field of achievement in the schools and other teaching institutions, and in addition to this the graduate in Science has frequent opportunities of entry into one or other of the many branches of technical or industrial work. In industrial works, where the object of the manufacturer is to make money, two classes of graduates find employment. The first of these includes the man of very average ability who, perhaps, lacks either originality or initiative, or perhaps both, but who is quite capable of doing a more or less stereotyped series of operations well, perhaps even very well, but unfortunately for such a man the chances of advancement are not at all bright. The second class consists of the picked men, who

have not only shown conspicuous ability throughout their course, but who are also possessed of initiative and originality; such men develop into our captains of industry and for these there are many prizes in store; the path is certainly thorny, the road is long, it may not be all ascent, and there may be many land-slips and checks, but ability and perseverance are nearly always rewarded by ultimate success.

The first class man in Arts and Science has, however, yet another avenue opened to him in the academic life itself. There is a band of workers scattered throughout the world, composed of men of every nationality working singly or in groups of two or three, striving earnestly towards one single end—the search after truth. These men differ sometimes in their conclusions, unfortunately they occasionally quarrel—but the vast majority are intensely sincere in their search, and honest in their attitude. The majority of them are striving to prove or to disprove some particular hypothesis, but are quite indifferent as to whether they prove it or disprove it. Their aim is to test its validity. These are the men who advance and extend the realms of human knowledge, peering deeper and ever deeper into the unseen; searching always for the facts of things and carefully sifting the false from the true, discarding the former and building the latter into the stately edifice of human knowledge. What feat more holds the imagination than that of Young, who supplied the first key to that mystery of the ages, the Egyptian hieroglyphics, thus opening to modern man the book which had been closed for two thousand years? Thanks to the painstaking researches of this class of investigator, we are now able to decipher not only the writings on the Egyptian monument, but also the libraries of clay tablets, which had been buried at Nineveh since B.C. 600, and many other documents dating thousands of years further back than this.

The investigator dare not be a partisan; if he gives way to the natural human tendency which each of us feels to favour his own idea or creation, he becomes an advocate and is no longer

a judge: he is no longer capable of doing the best work, and is in danger of degenerating into a dogmatist and a doctrinaire.

I am glad to be in the position of being able to say that the importance of research has been clearly recognised by those who are responsible for the establishment of our University. Provision has been made for two annual research scholarships each tenable for two years and of the value of £100 per annum, in addition to one travelling research scholarship tenable for the same period and of the value of £200. With these the student who has the desire and the ability to engage in research work, will be encouraged and perhaps started on a path which may ultimately lead to his being recognised as a member of that band of workers of whom I have spoken.

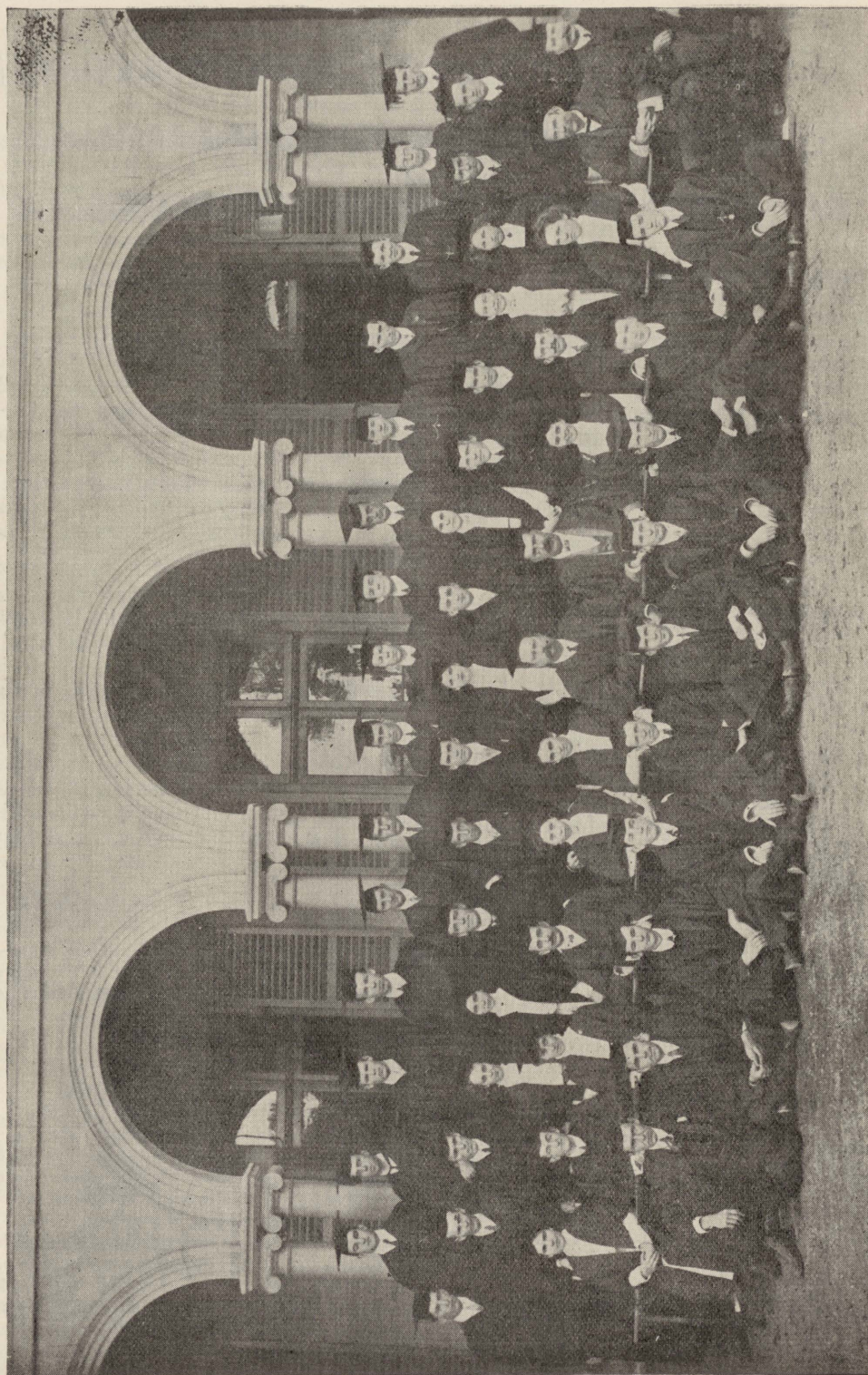
Unfortunately no provision has been made for the investigator in History, in the Classics, in Philosophy, and the student who would work in these subjects must for the present do so without financial assistance. To the man who loves his subject this will be but a small obstacle, and he who in spite of every obstacle rises to his belief in his subject and crowns endeavour with achievement, deserves and receives the respect of his contemporaries and of his successors.

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On attaining the summit of the Bulli Pass.

O glorious burst of ocean and of height!
O generous elevation! and soft air
That rises gently from the landscape fair
And steals about the peaks, with touch as light
As maiden's breath! Here with the world all's right:
The stable hills lend power; th' enslaving care
Sinks to the vale below, and slumbers there;
The heaven is nearer; nought but joy's in sight.
Far up the steep the scrambling blackberry springs.
The billowy green beneath the flame-tree flecks.
Beyond, to jewelled shore the surf-band clings
Far north and south, and bay and headland decks
The glittering sea sleeps in her changing hue,
And over all sweeps heaven's delicious blue.

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The Message of the Plough.

(“Old Dryasdust.”)

“We’d better start to plough th’ top paddick f’r late spuds t’day, Bill. Can’t give it too much. Ripped ’em in last year ’th one ploughin’. No good! Might’s well throw the bloomin’ seed away. I’ll try blueskins this year, too. Wish storm ’ud come. Eh? Yes, right O’. I’ll take the greys—you take Bluey and Bob.”

So spake the boss and there was nothing for it but to take “Bluey & Co.” The phrase just described the team exactly. Bluey was an old-stager to whom a long succession of beginners had imparted a wealth of uncanny wisdom, which quite fitted him for an active partnership in any concern. Active? Was one in a hurry? Bluey! Blu-e-ey!! Bluee-y-a-ah!!! But Bluey well knew one couldn’t leave the handles without disaster (of his own creation!), so there ensued a period of objurgation, a rhythmic beating of the rein on his cast-iron ribs, a disdainful tossing of his bony head, accompanied by a portentous lengthening of the upper lip which flapped in unison with the protesting head and swinging rope—a leisurely transference of weight to the hind-leg hitherto at rest, an almost human grunt, and thank heaven! at last!

But I don’t wish to dwell on Bluey’s idiosyncrasies—pleasant though the task would be, now that the old fellow is himself but a memory. Rather I would pass over the initial stages, and at once enter the gates that admit one to the pure joys which Earth freely gives her chosen ones. And all who will, are her elect.

Then in order to a quicker realisation of them, just undo Bluey’s chains and couplings and send that ancient sinner home, he’ll go there quick enough. Now yoke up Nugget in his stead. Nugget and Bob make a great pair. Without guidance, save that which is part of a ploughman’s instinctive equipment, they “swing in” and trudge the rounds that bring dinner, supper, and night’s welcome rest. Quietly they pull, and as they step along—Bob in the furrow, Nugget well out—the joys of the plough stream into an awaken-

ing soul! You laugh? Well take these handles. Now Boys! Nugget! Bob!—Feel anything yet? No! Wait awhile then. How are you now? Eh—How are you, I say?—Ah-ha!

But perhaps it would be to better purpose to change places with my phantom friend, and make explicit the experience, as far as may be.

Dip in then, deep; its a second ploughing. Watch the fine soil as little streams trickle back over the mould-board. Yes, the plough’s nicely set. Shorten the coupling a bit, there! That’s the first round.

Now for it till lunch time. Nugget! Bob!

The plough quivers over its bed. It is still but a “thing” of iron, yet gladness swells the heart and finds expression in a first thoughtless burst of song. Soon over, in its place comes a disconnected thinking—“Dickens take it! I hope this crop’ll hit. We’ll go to the exhibition this year if it does—Kiddies haven’t seen one yet, poor little beggars. Never mind; this year—next year anyway—or p’raps—”

The spell strengthens.

The plough becomes instinct with life. As it cuts through the loamy soil, that life pulsates through man’s arms, it thrills through his body. Plough and he feel strangely akin.

The spell strengthens.

The team moves smoothly and steadily. Ever-changing, yet never-changing, the turning, rolling, sliding, tumbling soil, fascinates, lures, draws his soul more and more. Always clearer comes the message, throbbing through the iron medium, until at last the magnetic current flows in unbroken circuit. They, plough and man, are one. The spell is complete.

An ordinary “clod” at work is all that is seen by a prosaic passer-by. To a more sympathetic onlooker it is pleasure to watch old Bob and Nugget strain gently on, and the clean-cut furrow of the “Yankee.” But man heeds neither. Into the deepest well of his being is pouring the “Message of the Plough.”

By this time all worldly schemes are ploughed under; politics, crops, stock,

have no place here; gone are the mean things of life, the jingle-jangle, and the shallowness. Nothing but the long, slow roll of solemn spondees satisfies, and of music, minor strains.

The vistas seem endless. Slowly there unfolds before him a vision of the "Kingdoms of the World," and it is given to him in some measure to appraise the work of marshalled hosts, of party strivings, of moneyed splendour, and the cult of self. His soul shrinks from the empty clangour, in sick fear that this be all. The message must in deeper yet. Tenderly the horses draw the Plough Man, and the crumbling tilth heals his hurt, impelling him upwards.

Earth, "so huge and yet so bounded, pools of salt and plots of land," fades away, and with it dies man's delight in plaintive harmonies. There comes to him a new power, a sense of the proportion of things, and as he clutches the prize, he hears the first faint strains of the choral song of the morning. Oh! Joy! It is a glorious triumphant major Harkening, a full happiness steals into his life, for clear and sweet, yet to his dull ear faint and seeming far away, he hears the All-Mother join in the glad anthem of the spheres. An attempt to distinguish the ringing-silver syllables is vain—his ears are unaccustomed. Numbness grips man's brain. Plough, earth, and man are one—all drawn by horses. Yet he sees not horses—he sees, hears, feels nothing, only that a wondering awe fills him. The path to peace lies open. The plough has done its work.

Suddenly Nugget and Bob stop dead. The spell breaks, and as man sweeps earthward, a quick unfounded anger takes him. Swish! Swish! Nugget! Bob!! "Lunch, man." It is Jessie, standing by the horses' heads. A long drawn sigh escapes him, but instinctively he covers it with an habitual "Pretty hot t'day Jess!!

But Jessie, with eyes only for his dream-filled face, laughs out "Been asleep, man"?

And she smiles understandingly at the absurdly inconsequent reply, "By crikey, Jess, that's a spankin' team!"

Sport.



THE Sporting side of the University is represented by a Committee of 11 members to whose energy and enthusiasm is due the comparatively good commencement the University has made in that most important direction. Under the protection of this mother-body have been undertaken, in a necessarily small way, of course, Football, Tennis, and Athletics. All praise must be rendered to the enthusiastic spirits, who, in spite of adverse conditions in regard to sheds and grounds, or rather to lack of them, have yet managed to set the ball rolling. We are sorry to relate that all hope of obtaining a Cricket Eleven for this season has been abandoned. This result is due in a great measure to the long vacation; but we hope that by next year our numbers will have increased sufficiently to allow of our putting forth an Eleven even in the vacation. With regard to Rowing, efforts are being made to amalgamate temporarily with an outside club. This step has been necessitated by the indecision of the "Powers that be." This Yes—No attitude has caused the Q.U.S.U. Committee no small worry and anxiety; and even now the authorities say they don't know exactly where the river-point will be. This makes it difficult for us even to think about a rowing shed. And now a word or two concerning each individual sport.

The football season opened very auspiciously but very soon bad luck in the shape of serious accidents began to dog the team and with so few to draw on these accidents were rather severely felt. However, after only a mediocre season they finished up third on the list in the Secondary Schools Grade with a total of 7 points. Through the season 14 matches were played, 6 were won, 6 lost, and 2 drawn. Messrs. Lloyd, Wallace, Masterson, and Mellor were selected in the combined team against The King's School, Parramatta, Lloyd being elected Captain of that team, and Messrs. Wallace and Masterson were selected in the combined team which met a combined

team from the First Grade Junior. During the season the lack of a competent coach was severely felt. It is to be hoped that every effort will be made next season to remedy this defect. Another serious defect in the beginning of the season was the want of a competent goal-kicker: C. A. Foggon efficiently filled this position later on.

The Tennis Four entered the Q.L.T.A. "B" Grade competition but did not particularly distinguish themselves. Too much changing of the team and too little practice together on decent courts was responsible for the rather low position which they occupy on the list. When the new courts arrive the standard of play must improve and the Varsity Club will then occupy a position similar to the position it fills in other University cities.

The Ladies have not been behindhand in keeping the University colours flying. They entered the Secondary School competition, and in Tennis came second to Brisbane Grammar School with a total of 745 points. It is a pity some weekly matches cannot be arranged with other schools so that some practice together may be obtained. A Tournament was held at the end of the second term and very satisfactory entries were received. The championship of the University was won by J. Briggs, and winners of other events were Miss Plant and Briggs (mixed doubles), Misses Plant and Goertz (Ladies doubles), and Messrs. Cassidy and Briggs (Gents' doubles). In the beginning of the third term a Gents' team visited Nundah Theological College, and won rather easily.

As a small beginning to Athletics a few events were contested in the Hospital Sports and were won as follows:—

100Yds. Championship, C. A. Foggon.
440Yds. Championship, C. A. Foggon.
High Jump Championship, R. Cassidy.
130Yds. Handicap, R. Cassidy.

The first three events counted for the Athletic championship of the University: C. A. Foggon winning the first two events and tying for second place in the High Jump became first University Athletic champion, and the holder for this year of Mr. L. A. Wilkinson's cup.

Altogether a retrospect of the sporting year leaves us not altogether dissatisfied, considering the fact that pioneers'

work is being done. All who partook in the various competitions may congratulate themselves upon the sturdy manner in which they have made their début, and a beginning of what we hope may prove a long and glorious Athletic record has been made.

ROWING.

When the University Bill was before the Queensland Parliament, the late Hon. J. T. Bell, in support of the present site, drew a graphic word-picture of University oarsmen on the broad stream and of an Inter-Varsity eight-oared race. There seems no reason why Mr. Bell's prophecy should not be fulfilled. The University situated almost on the banks of the river, with grounds commanding a mile of clear water either way, surely has magnificent chances in rowing. In the other States University oarsmen have always had a large representation in Interstate Contests, besides always being a big factor in local Regattas. The New South Wales crew, winners of Interstate honours for the last two years, have had as many as six University oarsmen in the boat; the Melbourne and Adelaide Universities have also been well-represented in their respective State crews. Queensland has been unlucky in Interstate contests, having usually been amongst those who "also ran," whilst last year she came a bad last. It cannot perhaps be said that Queensland failed because there were no University men in the crew; but it is unlikely that Queensland ever can win until there are more rowing clubs and keener competition in local Regattas. We must—if only for this reason—get into line with other Universities, send our representatives in the Interstate crew and help to win for Queensland her first Interstate race.

The traditions of rowing place the sport high in the world of Athletics; and our climate cannot but help. The want of funds is, of course, a serious hindrance; but enthusiasm can raise funds, and a Varsity Club is quite a possible thing. A shed of our own would mean not only the broadening of our athletic life, but the infusing of fresh vigour into the sport of rowing throughout the State.

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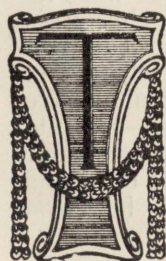
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THE movement for a Church of England College in connection with the University has been on foot since the beginning of the year, and in June last it was decided to proceed by way of forming a Company, the Directorate of which should be the Governing body of the College. This Company has been formed and sufficient shares have been already taken up to justify the Directors in proceeding in the matter. The College will be called St. John's College, and will be open to receive students at the beginning of the next academic year in hired premises. The principal of the College has not yet

been appointed, but we understand that the authorities expect to be able to announce an appointment shortly.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The official foundation of Emmanuel College dates from the 13th day of September, 1911, when the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of Queensland, having been convened "pro re nata," met in Saint Andrew's Church, Brisbane, the Moderator (the Rev. Joseph Lundie, B.A.) presiding, and proceeded to adopt the Report and Deliverance of the Queensland College Committee, presented by the Rev. Ernest Northcroft Merrington, M.A., Ph.D., the Convener of the Committee. The Assembly unanimously resolved to approve of the action of the Committee in purchasing "Sydenham," Wickham Terrace—formerly the residence of the late Sir Charles Lilley—for the purposes of a University College. It was decided to

call the College "Emmanuel," with some reference to the College of Cambridge University so named, which in its beginnings was associated with the rise of Puritanism and Presbyterianism in Great Britain. The draft Constitution embodied in the Report was adopted, with slight alterations; and the first Council of the College was appointed, consisting of five ministerial and seven non-ministerial members, together with a principal. The following are the Councillors:—Revs. James Gibson, M.A., Joseph Lundie, B.A., Ernest Northcroft Merrington, M.A., Ph.D., William Christopher Radcliffe, B.A., James Walker, M.A., B.D., and James Allan, Esq., M.L.A., John Cameron, Esq., John Lockhart Gibson, Esq., M.D., David Hardie, Esq., M.D., John Brownlie Henderson, Esq., F.I.C., James Milne, Esq., William Alexander Morrow, Esq., M.A., L.L.B. The Assembly nominated as the Principal, Rev. John Meiklejohn, M.A., D.D., of Melbourne, who was the first Moderator of the Church of Australia, 1901-3, and has acted as Professor of Theology in Ormond College on various occasions.

According to the Constitution, Emmanuel College is "established to afford to Presbyterian and other students of the University of Queensland resident and domestic supervision, a systematic religious instruction in accordance with the principles of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and also efficient tutorial assistance in their preparation for the lectures and examinations of the University." It is provided that "all students of the College shall immediately upon entering therein matriculate in the University; and also that "matriculated students and graduates of the University may continue in the College at the discretion of the Council for the purposes of further study." In pursuance of these objects, the Council has appointed some highly qualified graduates to act as Tutors in Classics, Mathematics, Physics and other subjects.

The property which will be used as the College, for some years at least, consists of a large stone house of twelve

rooms with dining hall attached, and three cottages, situated on over an acre and a-half of ground in the highest and healthiest area of Brisbane. It overlooks Albert Park, and affords a magnificent view of the river and the mountain peaks to the south. The site is central and convenient to the University.

The College will be open for the reception of resident students at the commencement of next academic year, early in March, 1912. The Principal will reside at the College. The Chairman of the Council is the Rev. Dr. E. N. Merrington, and the Acting Secretary is the Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, B.A., of the Church Offices, to whom communications may be addressed.

METHODIST.

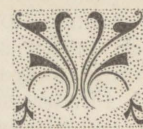
Preliminary steps are being taken by leading Laymen and Ministers of the Methodist Church to found a College in affiliation with the Queensland University. It is understood that the late Hon. J. Archibald bequeathed a sum of £1,000 towards such a purpose provided the complete expenditure necessary to accomplish the object was subscribed within five years from his decease, i.e., by May, 1912. With this generous commencement it is hoped that arrangements can be made to secure the early completion of so desirable a project.

In yonder spot the little folk have made
A tiny bower of bushes, soft and green,
Nestled wherein, and proud, they may be seen—
Large owners of this wondrous leafy shade;
Obedient Fancy, summoned to their aid,
Hath decked the simple twigs with fairy sheen,
It is a statelier hall than e'er hath been
By crafty fingers wrought, to kings displayed.
Know ye of older growth a better plan?
Your towers up-raise their summits to the sky--
Ye stand below them, each a little man:
About your halls the spoils of Fortune lie—
Shrunken and smaller than when life began
Ye discontented crouch and, crouching, die.

—A.S.F.



LADIES' PAGE.



WHAT THE UNDERGRADESS THINKS.



E undergradesses are as yet only a few, but we are the happy few who may call themselves a part of the pioneer band who have started out to make Queensland University history. We have no traditions to uphold, no smirches to efface; and whether succeeding undergradesses will be rightly proud of the early history of the Varsity rests, in a great measure, with us. Certainly we are so much at one among ourselves that there is every reason to be hopeful for the future so far as the social intercourse of the women students is concerned.

To say that the University is in its beginning is quite enough to suggest that the first students have many inconveniences to put up with. The Senate granted our humble petition for curtains and blinds for a cloak room; but we have besought them for a common room in vain. True, there is a common room, but it's too common. We don't mean to be content with this; what we want is a Women's Common Room. Alas, it's the non-existent—not because we haven't asked for it. No governing body but a University Senate could have proved so obdurate to the repeated entreaties of our Sub-Committee! Why is it that men, otherwise reputed generous and kindly, become as stony as the Sphinx when members of the Senate? Why were we not as enterprising as the men? Refused a dressing room, they appropriated and fitted up the old-time summer house. They ignored the powers that be, though vague rumours are abroad concerning the Registrar and the Minister for Works. Was the consent of the latter (w)rung from him at the point of the sword or the other end of the 'phone? We are but a little band and

lowly—can we do aught against the Senate? Couldn't our engineers—a noble few—experiment in a common room for the "lassies"? Perhaps when we move to Yeronga—50 years' hence—and always provided that the Yerongaites have been educated up to a due appreciation of the superiority of the Varsity over the Zoo, all these difficulties will be met.

As to clubs, we have not had time to form many as yet. Our tennis team acquitted itself well in the Secondary Schools Tournament; the totals place them a good second to the formidable B.G.S. A rowing club does not yet exist; that too, is one of the things still to be aimed at. What we have got is an L.B.T.D. Association—and a very vigorous one it is, too. Let the ever-inquisitive male mind amplify this title for itself. This secret society is supported by periodical subscriptions from the members—they vary as the appetites of the members. It meets once a day, and considering the variety of the syllabus submitted, interest is not likely to flag.

The one thing left to mention is perhaps, after all, the most important—the examinations. They, and the professors that control them, hang over us like a cloud, and threaten to wipe us out of University life. If we survive we will report our ideas in the next issue.

PRAECEPTA PUELLAE.

1. Have regard to the ways of the Varsity, O my daughter, for behold it is a great place, yea, even from the man at its head unto the feet of the small boy who hath taken unto himself the care of the Geology Lab.

2. Lo! The undergradess is a goodly creation; behold! She knocketh the undergrad even into a cocked hat.

3. Take little heed of the undergrad, O daughter, for though he maketh much noise, yea, verily much loud noise, knowest thou not the ancient adage?

4. Draw not nigh unto the Chemistry Lab, for behold it is an offensive place and hateful is the odour thereof.

5. Neither shalt thou take unto thyself the course in Maths., for behold the prof. therein hath laughed in his beard and said, "Lo, I will confound the young students, yea, I will heap much mathematics on their innocent heads that they will be exceeding sad." And great was the distress of the young students, verily the hair of their head rose in protest and they garbed themselves in sackcloth and ashes. But the heart of the professor was moved to compassion and, opening his lips, he spake comfortable words: and behold the hearts of the students were cheered within them and they frisked as had been their wont.

6. Apply thyself with ardour to thy studies, O my daughter, yea from the first day of the year shalt thou do it: else great shall be thy fear and trembling in the hour of exam., and bitter thy inmost thoughts as thou sayest unto thyself "Thou Fool!"

The Chemistry Lab.

RUMOUR hath it that the poor maligned chemistry people have, of late, been a source of great annoyance to the less favoured students of Arts. The fumes arising from their mysterious concoctions have penetrated the studious atmosphere of the "Common Room" and clouded the brains, as well as offended the noses, of the "Artists" there, driving them to seek relief in the scent of sweet peas, which, alas, they no longer may gather. Nor do these overweening chemistry creatures confine themselves to eradicating the unoffending "Arts"—they even go so far as to drive the best of Profs. from his sanctum, shrouded though he be in smoke of his own making.

But in spite of the odours of H_2S and the stifling fumes of Ammonia, which, if they are obnoxious to outsiders are doubly so to them, the Chemists have a rare good time; at least they endeavour to convince the non-Scientists of this. There is, of course, a good deal of gas escaping, not all of which is turned to

good account; and at times water bottles are requisitioned to damp the ardour, or rather the curls, of some hilarious youth.

As a matter of fact, the two undergrads, our sole representatives of the gentler sex in the Science crowd, ought to consider themselves fairly well looked after in the Lab. One student is, perhaps, more imbued than his fellows with the idea of the equality of the sexes, which accounts for—but never mind, he's improving!

Our oft quoted, and oftener misquoted, Shakespeare once declared that a sweet low voice was an excellent thing in woman, but we have never heard that he said the same of man, though perhaps our worthy demonstrator has some other equally good authority to guide him in this respect.

However, granted that we are a nuisance to the neighbourhood, nevertheless the Arts students, who pride themselves on their knowledge of the dark ages, and on their ability to jabber in unintelligible sentences which they call foreign languages—though they would never deign to soil their fingers with grimy liquids and acids of all descriptions—though they turn up dainty noses at our dirty benches—are not above making use of the despised Lab and our gas, to boil their kettle.

But cheer up "Artists" and Profs., all! not long shall we disturb your peace of mind with evil-smelling odours. Next year will, we hope, see us established in our new quarters, there to poison each other to our hearts' content.

More Innocents Abroad.

EARLY on the morn of August 10th, a large party of the scientific spirits of the Varsity girded on their armour and, bravely abjuring the allurements of Brisbane's gala week, took train for the Tweed, to inquire into Dame Nature's doings there. The party alighted at Booningba and after spending a strenuous day climbing lofty mountains and leaping mighty chasms returned to a sumptuous repast at the Booningba Hotel. After banqueting in regal fashion, one of the students, being

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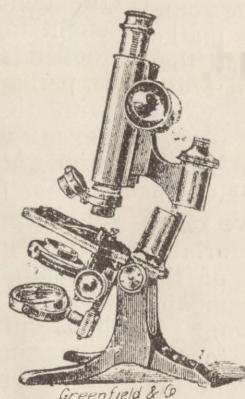
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moved to song, plaintively requested to be "Wrapped up with his Stock-whip and blanket." His request, however, was not complied with and that evening he completed the journey to the Tweed with the rest of the party.

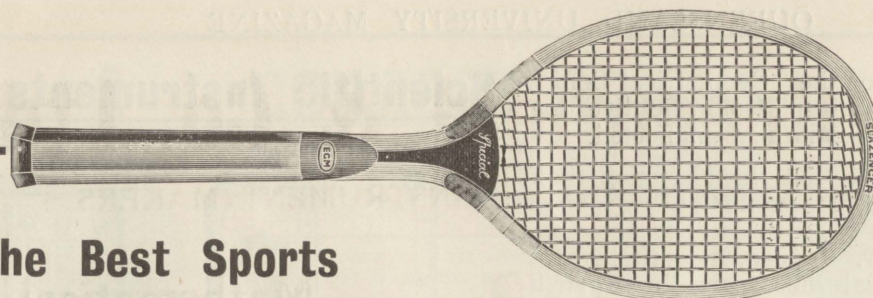
On Friday a delightful excursion to Fingal was made, the weary hours of coming and going being whiled away by the anecdotes of the party's story-teller. The afternoon of the same day was devoted to the Razorback. Before starting, dainty refreshments varying from "Ginger Beer to Maiden's Blush" were served at a wayside inn. Does this account for the fact that on the return journey "The Knight of the Garter" gracefully slid down the Razorback, thereby impairing the beauty of his newly-acquired "footie bags?"

Saturday was spent on Pt. Danger, which proved a delightful rest after the strenuous climbs of the day before. That night a merry party showed the Tweed Heads' public how to skate. The feet of one enterprising youth, becoming unruly, took the escape door at its word and endeavoured to carry their owner,

willy nilly, into the outer darkness. A three-cornered struggle ensued, between the owner, the feet and the door; the door proved victor and the owner ended up, or rather down, a struggling mass upon the floor. Their youthful ardour nothing abated, the party returned to Greenmount there to indulge in (K)nightly combat. Judging by the din of battle that penetrated to the ears of the undergradesses, the geologists of our Varsity would seem to be somewhat hard of head.

On Sunday, a few of the more ardent spirits, their curiosity still unsatisfied, accompanied the commander-in-chief on a further excursion; though the vice of curiosity is usually assigned to the weaker sex, the undergradesses—who, by the way, just won the right to plurality—remained indoors to recuperate.

Almost the whole party returned on Sunday, pockets bulging with specimens and most of them somewhat battered, but still capable of joining in the chorus of Ha, ha, ha!



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Editor's Chair.

Morituri salutamus. The exams. are upon us, and we await the impact with considerable misgiving. What will they be like? Where there is no precedent life is one huge interrogation mark. We cannot claim that our utterances are inspired—unless it be by Common Sense—but we hold that there is a sporting chance for everyone. After all, the ultimate arbiter in all human affairs is a man, not a system—and we know the men, at least.

A correspondent, in response to our call for suggestions for a Magazine Motto, and after an open-mouthed perusal of the specimen “Hermes” and “M.U.M.,” culled from his Cicero these burning words: “Agamus, igitur, pingui Minerva.” There is a limit to such facetiousness.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. J. Walsh for the Ode by Essex Evans published

in this number, and to Mr. E. W. H. Fowles and the Government Printer for the loan of blocks.

One of our well-wishers “in Arts reclining” makes a remarkable communication. Thus is he billed by a leading University bookseller:—“Item, Virgil's Epilogues, 5/-” The only explanation we can offer is that the discovery of this Virgilian essay in the dramatic line is the result of recent excavations about the old homestead near Mantua, the outcome of which is not yet fully made public. We wait on the tip-toe of expectation for further revelations in the matter. For anything we know to the contrary, this very firm has up its commercial sleeve the whole bulk of drama to which these Epilogues were appended.

One would be inclined to expect that a firm capable of scholarly revelations of this nature would furnish a staff of sales-people appropriately schooled. But the apparent shock to the system sustained by the youth behind the counter

when asked for the "Geometrical Conics of Caunt and Jessop" would be diverting were it not so painfully unaffected.

It is not true that the Magazine Staff is to be allowed exemption *ex officio* from English lectures—rather the contrary, we fear. Indeed, the criticism of their periodical theses by the English Lecturers has led them seriously to consider the morality of their literary position. The question, under the circumstances, is, in fact, should any member of the English Class be allowed to take a hand in the production of the Magazine at all!

The Biologists have had this year a notorious gruelling. Dr. Johnson has done his best to better the evil case of his belated class by his fund of generally profound and accurate knowledge. He may, however, be interested in knowing that the blue and green Algae are no longer indisputably what he classed them to be—nay, that it is no longer certain that they are botanical at all. Late in the evening on which the Masons recently banqueted a blue and green Algy was observed which, on morphological examination, was shown beyond question to belong to the Vertebrates.

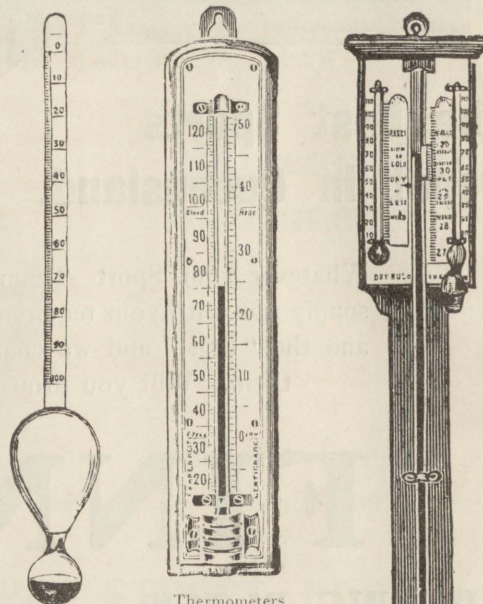
When are we to have that car down from Queen St.? At present the stream of energy from the central fount is diverted into the channel of the physical, and by the time we have plodded our weary way down George St., we have no zest for the Differential Calculus or the platitudes of Cicero. B.T.C. please note!

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De profundis comes a cry from the Evening men. They come from the four corners of the earth; they rush from dinner-table to lecture-room; they reach home with the tolling of the midnight hour; and a fortnight ahead of the exams, they don't like the look of things. The issue is in the lap of the gods, but "Q.U.M." wishes them luck.

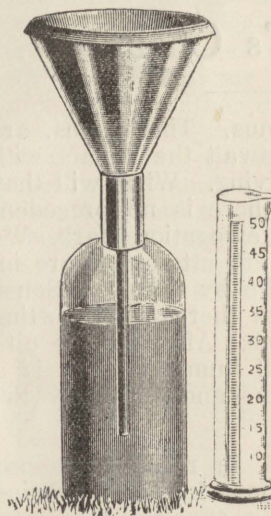
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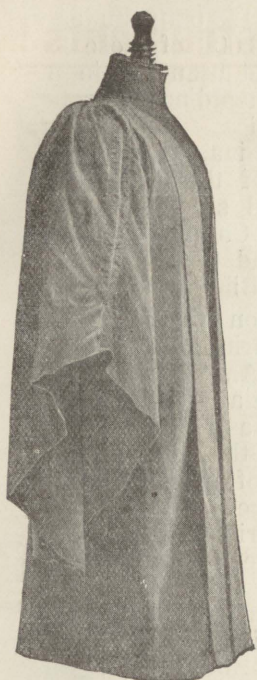
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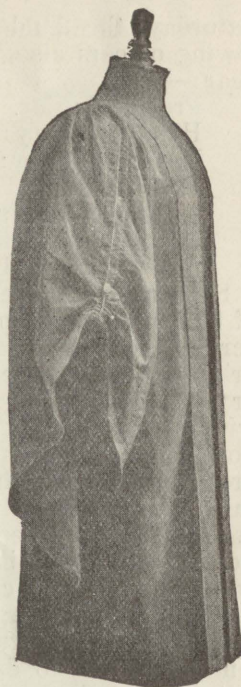
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A Glee Club.

It's high time that a Glee-Club was started. For months after inauguration it seemed debateable whether the academic material was there to work upon; and nothing more contributed to this uncertainty than the groggy interpretation of the choruses of the inaugural ceremony itself. Since then, however, the rivers of matutinal song which have periodically flowed through the door of Professor Priestley's Lecture room and down the stairs—and (we fear) leaked into the adjoining Sanctum Sanctorum—have shown the mathematicians, at any rate, to be easily capable of harmonic progression. On divers occasions, too, the individual voice has given evidence of the possibility of great things in solo work. It seems immoral that musical talent which spills itself in this prodigal fashion about the 'Varsity should be unable to be directed into a definite channel.

Without "applied" music we're barbarians. All the traditions of University

life demand it. The growth of a Glee-Club ranks with the growth of Colleges as an harbinger of that elusive "spirit of the place" which skulks about the "Quads" of Oxford and Cambridge, and without which the mere piling-up of knowledge is vanity. Let the men drop this notion of a Glee-Club into the vacation pipe; let the women work it into vacation garments with something of the spirit of a Defarge. Madame's grimness may not be essential; but the thing is worth being in earnest about.

H.D.

University of Queensland Union.

The second term saw the formation of the above-named Union after a conference of delegates from the day and evening students. The various regulations and the Constitution of the Union were passed at a General meeting held on

Saturday, the 22nd July, when the following officers also were elected for the year:—

President: Mr. J. P. Chard
 Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. J. Marsden
 Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. C. Hamilton
 Representative Council: Miss D. Hooper, Miss Plant, and Messrs. Barker, Elliott, Fielding, Lloyd, Mellor and Robson.

Students responded so well to the call of the Treasurer to pay the nominal subscription of two shillings entitling to full privileges of membership that only four or five omitted to identify themselves with the movement; but it is well to note that all students of the University are granted the rights of representation this year, irrespective of membership. It may here be remarked that suggestions of any kind will at all times be welcomed by the Council.

Owing to the rapid approach of examination time and the brevity of the Union's career to date, the Council has not a great deal of progress to report. The appointment of the various sub-committees and the starting of the University Magazine may be regarded as amongst its most important movements. Apart from being a representative body the Union will also operate socially, and it is hoped that next year good work will be done in this direction.

The Council has applied for and received recognition for this year from the Board of Faculties, while the Senate still has this question under consideration.

Provision has been made in the regulations for the altering of the Constitution, which it will probably be found advisable to remodel, and the Council has in mind many important amendments to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting next year.

Students' Christian Union.

The Queensland University Students' Christian Union is a branch of the largest students' organisation in existence at the present day. It is affiliated with the Australasian movement, which in turn is connected with the World's Student Christian Federation; this has a

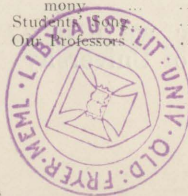
membership of over 148,000 students and professors—over 3,000 of these being in Australasia—and branches in 30 different countries, including Europe, America, South Africa, Australasia, India and Ceylon, China, Korea and Japan. The objects of the Union are briefly these:—To lead students to become disciples of Jesus Christ; to deepen their spiritual life; and to promote regular and systematic Bible study.

The Queensland Union was formed in June of this year, during the visit of Mr. T. M. Haslitt, M.A., the travelling secretary of the Australasian Union; the inauguration meeting was held in Eschenhagen's Café on the 9th June, and attended by a number of prominent citizens, and addresses were given by the Archbishop, Dr. Merrington and Mr. Haslitt. Early in the year a Bible Study Circle was formed, at first under the leadership of Dr. Merrington, but later under Mr. H. W. Dinning of the University, Vice-President of the Union; this has been well attended. Weekly addresses have been given throughout on such subjects as "Problems of the City," "Dr. Grenfell, the Hero of Labrador," "Life at Harvard," "The Responsibility of Students," "Preliminaries to Bible Study," "Fanaticism and Indifference," "Methods of Bible Study," "Pragmatism," "Biblical Criticism," etc., all of which have proved to be of a particularly interesting character. At one of its meetings members of the Union were privileged to listen to Principal Harper of St. Andrew's College, Sydney, who, from a very wide experience of University students, proffered his congratulations on the formation here of a branch of the Christian Union.

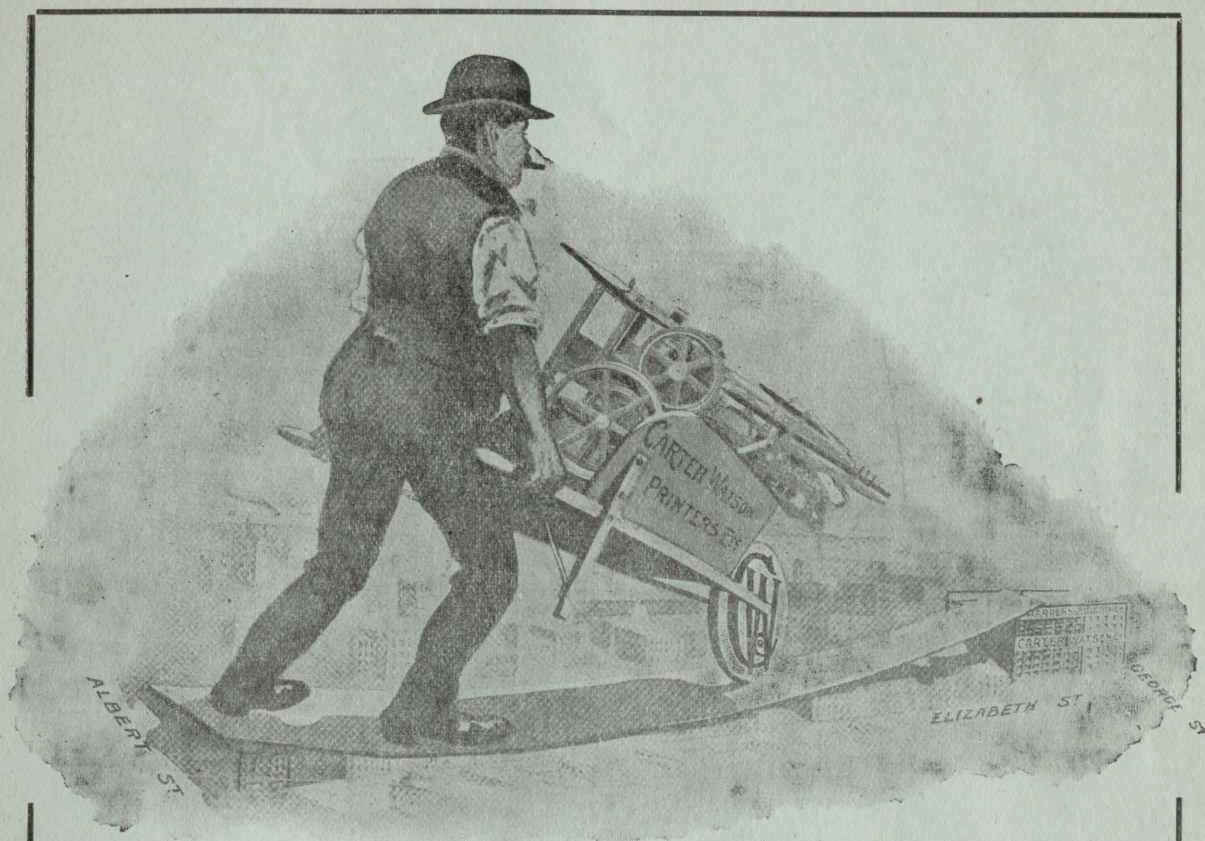
A Conference of delegates from the different Christian Unions throughout Australia will be held in Victoria at the end of the year, commencing about the 30th December.

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